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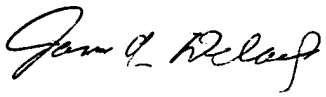
Claims 1-38 are pending.

Claims 1-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Clark (US 4,215,872). This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed.

The specification has been amended to provide an express definition and frame of reference for the terms "lateral" and "laterally" used in the claims. Claim 1 previously was amended to clarify that the chain guide moves laterally relative to the base member. Claim 27 previously was amended to clarify that the bracket is structured to accommodate a rear derailleur of the type having a base member, a chain guide, and a coupling mechanism coupled between the base member and the chain guide so that the chain guide moves laterally relative to the base member. Insofar as Clark's barrel (64) is interpreted to be a base member, then Clark's chain guide (38) does not move laterally relative to barrel (64) as now expressly defined in the specification. Clark neither discloses nor suggests the subject matter recited in claims 1 and 27.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 has been overcome by the foregoing amendment and remarks, and it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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